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¶1. Following review of the Department of Labor's (DOL) draft revised EO 13126 list of products for Bolivia (reftel), post has concluded that child labor in Bolivia in the sugar cane and Brazil nut sectors does not constitute forced or indentured labor as defined in E.O. 13126.

¶2. Post understands that the primary source for DOL's Bolivia list is a 2005 ILO report (Enganche y Servidumbre por Deudas en Bolivia). We met with local ILO officials to review their report and to seek an update on their findings. ILO National Coordinator of Child Labor Maria Elena Reyes and an ILO specialist who worked on the 2005 report, Rosario Baptista, indicated that child labor in these sectors is voluntary and non-contractual, in contrast to the labor situation of parents who work in these sectors.

¶3. Post has no further information that indicates that children working in the Bolivian sugar cane and Brazil nut sectors are forced to do so or that they work as indentured labor.

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